



BLESSED TO BE A *Blessing*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

Frequently Asked Questions:

► What is the purpose of the “Blessed to be a Blessing” campaign?

Mount Olive has been blessed with many years of faithful ministry, and we want to build on that foundation for generations to come. At the same time, our building needs some significant attention. Our 20+ year-old roof has been leaking in several areas, and our nine rooftop HVAC units are nearing the end of their life and becoming increasingly expensive to repair.

We also continue to carry an existing mortgage. Addressing these needs together will allow us to care for our building, reduce our debt, and keep more of our resources focused on the ministries and mission God has given us.

The capital campaign gives us an opportunity to come together as a congregation, prayerfully consider how we can each participate, and work toward a stronger future for Mount Olive.

We have also been blessed with a generous lead gift, giving us a strong start toward addressing our building needs and mortgage debt. Now, we are inviting the entire congregation to prayerfully consider how God may be leading them to participate.

This campaign isn't just about raising money. It's about coming together as a church family, caring for the building God has entrusted to us, reducing our debt, and strengthening Mount Olive for continued ministry and outreach in our community for years to come.

► What is the cost of the proposed project?

Current project estimates are approximately:

- Roof replacement and repairs: \$518,500
- HVAC rooftop unit replacement: \$423,565 (Estimated HVAC rebate: approximately \$18,000)

Estimated total project cost: Approximately \$942,065

Leadership worked extensively to reduce project costs and reviewed proposals from multiple contractors after earlier project estimates exceeded \$1.3 million.

► Are we planning to repair all of this at once, or are we going to do it in stages?

We were able to replace one small section of roof last fall that had the most significant leaks at the time. The rest of the building is currently being re-roofed, with exception of the metal roof over the old sanctuary. The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase will replace the roof over the new sanctuary, senior youth room, meeting rooms and welcome center. This phase will also involve the removal of 9 rooftop HVAC units and replacement with new units and upgraded controls for better temperature regulation in the new building. This phase began September 14th and will last 8-12 working days. Phase two will begin after that and replace the roof over the older side of the building that includes the junior youth room, administrative offices, and High 5's classroom. Phase 2 is expected to last 10-13 working days. The total project should be completed in 20-25 working days.

► How much should I give?

Our \$3 million campaign goal is significant. It represents approximately 3.43 times one year of Mount Olive's regular congregational giving, spread over a three-year campaign.

But that does **not** mean we're asking every household to simply multiply its annual offering by 3.43. In fact, one extraordinarily generous donor has already committed \$500,000—nearly 17% of our entire \$3 million goal.

Reaching the remaining goal will take gifts of many different sizes. Some households may be able to make transformational gifts. Others may make a significant commitment spread over three years. Still others may give a smaller amount that is meaningful for their circumstances. We aren't asking for equal gifts. We're asking for equal consideration and prayer.

What could you give over the next three years—above your regular offering—that would be meaningful, generous, and reflective of what God has entrusted to you?

► Are campaign pledges to be documented and made public?

Individual pledges will not be made public. We will be totaling pledges and sharing our progress towards our goal. We will include updates in bulletins, newsletters, and emails and celebrate milestones in giving toward our goal.

► Are we receiving advice from consultants on how to keep up enthusiasm for the campaign?

Yes. We are working with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), which has been serving The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod since 1978. LCEF works alongside churches to help them reach their financial and ministry goals, including providing guidance and support throughout the campaign process. Their experience and resources are helping us stay organized, communicate effectively, and keep our congregation engaged throughout the campaign.

God loves a cheerful giver
2 Corinthians 9:7